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<p>under arrival.</p> <p><b>W</b>y Government that the notice of the value of Fifty Dollars each, issued by the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI FREE PORT AUTHORITY, in relation to the importation of goods from the mainland of China, shall apply to goods imported from the mainland of China into the Free Port of Hong Kong.</p>	<p><b>H</b>onourable Member:</p> <p>The Government has no objection to the proposed amendment.</p> <p><b>A</b>djustment of BONES FOR THE YEAR 1972.</p> <p>Sir, I am pleased to inform you that the Government has agreed to the proposed amendment.</p>	<p><b>M</b>ember:</p> <p>I have been informed that the Government has agreed to the proposed amendment.</p> <p><b>B</b>ones for the Year 1972.</p> <p>The Government has agreed to the proposed amendment.</p>	<p><b>Q</b>uestions and Answers.</p> <p><b>Q</b>uestion No. 1022.</p> <p><b>H</b>onourable Member:</p> <p>The Government has agreed to the proposed amendment.</p>	<p><b>H</b>onourable Member:</p> <p>The Government has agreed to the proposed amendment.</p>
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Extracts.

THE TRUNDLE BED.  
As I rummaged through the garret,  
Listening to the falling rain,  
And against the window pane,  
Peeping over chests and boxes,  
Which with dust were thickly spread,  
I saw in the farthest corner  
What was once my trundle bed.  
And I drew it from the recess  
Where it had remained so long,  
Hearing all the while the music  
Of my mother's voice in song.  
As she sang her sweetest songs,  
What I since have often heard,  
"Hush my dear, lie still and slumber,  
Holy angels guard thy bed."  
As I listened, recollections  
Came with all the gust of memory,  
Rushing, thronging to the spot,  
As I wended back to childhood,  
To those merry days of yore,  
When I fancied myself a hero,  
By this bed upon my trundle,  
Then it was with hands so gently  
Placed upon my infant head,  
That she caught my lips to utter  
Carefully the words she said,  
Never can it be forgotten  
Deep are they in memory graves—  
"Hallowed be thy name, O Father!  
Pithee! Thou who art in Heaven!"  
This she taught me, then she led me  
Of my infant great and deep.  
After many a year's absence,  
"Now I lay me down to sleep,"  
Then it was with hands uplifted,  
And in accents soft and mild,  
"That my mother said, 'O Father,  
Pithee! Thou who art in Heaven!'"  
Years have passed, and that dear mother  
Long has moulded death's shroud,  
And I trust her sainted God,  
Revels in the beams of light.  
But that scene of domestic light  
Never has from memory fled,  
And it comes with all its freshness  
When I see my trundle bed.

HOBSON'S FOLLY—AN UNROMANTIC STORY.

(From "The Evening News.")  
It was easy to see that Hobson had "taken from the people," and from very indifferent people, too. There was an intensely phlegmatic air in every line of his heavy countenance and every curve of his ill-proportioned body, that riveted one's attention in a moment, in spite of his invidious profession of gold watch-chain, black jacket, and pair of boots, which conspicuously shined, that it was a sort of comic halo round the bullet-shaped expanse which served him for a head. And yet, as you gazed at this extraordinary specimen of the genus *homo*, as he strutted along with an affected dignity that was positively ludicrous—you could not but acknowledge that, notwithstanding his somewhat comical appearance, there was a faint suggestion of poetry about him. His cheeks reminded one of the rose, and his nose suggested the violet. Alas the tavern bar.

Hobson had been something in the rag, bone, and bottle way at Limehouse, and possibly might have continued to do so, exhibiting a creditable degree of "more remarkable for bold originality of conception than for artistic elaboration and finish"—which persuasively intimated that any quantity of household rubbish might have been exchanged for its weight in gold, had not his spirituous eye lighted upon a newspaper advertisement, which promised that he should have an application "something to his advantage."

He was watching his nightcap when he saw it. It was a characteristic of this man that he always swallowed his nightcap, and always sought a house of public entertainment where to perform the feat. Limehouse rejoiced in the possession of Red Lions, Green Dragons, Blue Cows, and other animals of whose existence Hobson made no mention. Sometimes Hobson visited these impossible beasts in turn, and swallowed one at each; but it was at the Dragon, through the medium of the day-before-yesterday's Times, that he first discovered the good fortune in store for him. The first intimation the landlord and his wife had of it was a gasp from Hobson, and the sudden, excited inquiry:

"A cab! where can I get a cab?"  
"A what?" cried a creature of horse and heavy voice.  
"A cab—bus—train—anything!" exclaimed Hobson, excitedly.

"Why, what's the row?"  
Hobson could only point with his fat finger to the advertisement and glare at it in speechless wonder. The others, seeing that the matter in no way interested them, took things much more philosophically—spelling out the words "greatly and suitably" of rank smoke the while.  
"I'll keep till the morning," observed the landlord, contentedly. "It's on the street of twelve now, and time to close, gentlemen!"

They fished there was still time for Hobson to stand a packing glass round, and swear to be true to them, for ever—which weakness, as he was half-intoxicated with his prospective good fortune, and half with liquor, he was fairly excited.  
The "something" vaguely hinted at in the advertisement proved to be a large sum of money left him by a marine storekeeper's relative, whose pedigree, though it couldn't be traced, without doubt dated back considerably further than the Conqueror. There were, of course, a number of forms to be gone through for insurance. Hobson had to affix his signature to a wonderful specimen of the calligraphic art, almost aristocratic in its illegibility, and containing a series of startling surprises in the shape of curves, angles, and blots—to several legal documents. But at last, to quote his own expressive phrase, he "fairly landed the brass," and immediately set to work to spend it in the manner which should give him the greatest possible amount of satisfaction.

"I'll build!" said Hobson, struck with a bright idea. Others have done it, and why shouldn't I? Passing over his ill-considered remarks for the present, it only remains to be recorded that he did build a villa. It was erected after a design of his own, in which the Gothic, Old English, Italian, and every other known style of architecture was totally ignored.

It presented a charming appearance when it was finished. It stood in one corner of a suburban turnip field, and was closely surrounded by a low red-brick wall. Hobson had determined to erect a villa, and he had bought just as much of the field as the house would cover. When he took the question of "grounds," into consideration, he found the proprietor of the turnip field would not budge another inch. And there was the house "standing," as the auctioneer's advertisements say, in its own grounds, and not encroaching on the rights of any other party on any side. There was a row of unoccupied houses opposite—buildings all of them "carcasses," and their appearance fully justified this description—and when the moon shone through the square apertures which had never known a window, and cast the tall shadows of the scaffold poles on the growing turnips, the scene would appear politically beautiful to two young people of opposite sexes and romantic disposition; not otherwise.

Hobson superintended the erection of this architectural curiosity himself; he watched it grow inch by inch, and brick by brick, till it reared its proud head in all its glory to the sky. He called it Rockwell Villa, probably on account of the absence of anything resembling a residence within a radius of six miles—and took up his residence in it himself.

But not for long. Chimneys smoked, windows rattled, doors opened the wrong way, and draughts prevailed everywhere. He thought he would take the "Villa," so he took a house—built by somebody else, this time—within easy distance of it, in order that he might spend the greater portion of each day in contemplating the effect. "Somehow or other," said Hobson, "it isn't done finished. I'll run up a tower, and call it a castle."  
Accordingly, a square tower was run up, and the whole affair presented a most un-castle-like appearance. Advertisements bringing "this most desirable family residence" under public notice forced the conclusion on Hobson's obtuse brain that it was not desirable, and that no assurance of his could induce intending settlers to believe it was.  
"I'll add another wing, and turn it into two houses," said Hobson. "Somebody shall occupy it, if they live long free."  
The necessary instructions were given to the builders, and a wing was added which carried the house to within a yard of the boundary wall. An ingenious arrangement of a partition, the addition of a staircase, and the construction of two front doors where only one had previously existed, turned it into what Hobson called "two houses." But, as time went on, this nondescript dwelling was still unoccupied. Hobson came every day and roamed through the building, trying the doors, opening and closing the windows, and indulging in other barnyardly eccentric occupations. In the evening he would lean against the fence of the turnip field, watch the sun set behind his tower, and think he had never seen anything so beautiful in his life. He was sorely perplexed to find a name for the building as it at present stood. The inhabitants of the surrounding neighbourhood, for there were no inhabitants in the surrounding neighbourhood—performed this kind office for him, and called it "Hobson's Folly."

Summer had passed, had been followed by autumn, which had, in due course, been succeeded by winter. "Hobson's Folly" was a melancholy spectacle—a large board, of the size and shape of Lord Mayor's Show banner, set forth the numerous injurious advantages which were to be derived from the occupation of this shapeless mass of bricks and mortar. Hobson's own artistic forefinger, dipped in whitewash, had traced the words "LIFE INSURANCE" on the windows, and the bleak December wind, worthy a better cause, he thought the rain, and laughed to scorn the efforts of a descriptive poster to remain on the front gate. The owner of the turnip-field was as obdurate as ever, though Hobson offered him as much for the space as he could hope to realise out of turnips in a century. Hobson did not despair, but with a persistency worthy a better cause, he tramped through the snow night and morning to admire his castle.

One wet and windy morning, early in the year, he found the men who had assisted in the original erection waiting outside. The foreman approached him, touched his hat respectfully, and spoke in the name of his fellow workmen.

"We want to know if you could give us a job on the castle, sir. We're out on strike." "Out on the strike," said Hobson; "you've no business to be out on strike."  
"It ain't our fault, sir," replied the man; "it's a strike and a lock out too. Our master wanted too much, and the gaffer turned us all out. We're most on our knees, and we're waiting for your order to get through the land winter, if you don't like us, and give us work, I don't know."

This appeal struck Hobson's watch-chain, glided off, passed straight through his waistcoat, and reached his heart.  
"Well," he said, "I was thinking a stack of chimneys on that wing wouldn't be a bad thing. I'll have one run up."  
There was no earthly use for a stack of chimneys there, but it had long been a cherished idea of Hobson's. He had thought there was an air of incompleteness about the roof, and a stack of chimneys seemed the very thing wanting. He offered the men liberal wages, and found other little improvements were necessary on the "castle," which would find them work for several weeks. It was very bad principle, perhaps, to employ men who were more or less fighting against capital, but Hobson did not care. He hadn't a bad sort, by no means, observed the foreman, when they were drinking his health that night; but he didn't know any better.

The chimneys were finished, and Hobson stood admiring their ensemble. The wind blew in what noveltists call "angry gusts," and caught up one or two slates from Hobson's roof and deposited them among the adjacent turnips. A brick too, which one of the men had carelessly left on a portion of the scaffolding, yet remained, passed within a few inches of Hobson's head, and his beautifully-tinted nose on its way to terra firma. But Hobson did not start; he was gazing raptly at the tower, and thinking how fine it would be to have a sentry pacing up and down on the top, similar to those he had seen on the battlements of the feudal castles of the mediaevals at the East End theatre. The mediaevals, in fact, looked like a good thing, and he decided to attempt it—was that there wouldn't be room for the sentry to take three steps in any direction. Absorbed in contemplation of many beauties he is alone could see, and dwelling with fond admiration on every line and curve, he was oblivious to everything around him. Throwing himself in a hasty, awkward, and violent manner, he fell backwards, and in one moment, he was lying on his back, with his head under a brick-work crashing to the earth. Hobson was underneath.

He did not go home to dinner that day; nor to tea; nor to any subsequent meal. What could have become of him? No one could have had a better idea of him than the one who had been his attendant. Mrs. H. had, indeed, since then, shown the long train of her rich dress trailing through the mud, straight to the building yard. No news. The men had been compelled to relinquish the struggle, and were now in work; but, remembering Hobson's numerous life acts of kindness, they cheerfully offered to give up their evening to the assistance of the body to the scene of his former triumphs, and beneath the debris of the fallen chimneys they found his mortal remains. Hobson had been huried out of the world by his own folly.

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